UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ROBERT GONZALEZ,

Plaintiff,

-v.-

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

20 Civ. 8033 (KPF) (OTW)

<u>ORDER</u>

KATHERINE POLK FAILLA, District Judge:

By Order today, the Court is referring this case to Magistrate Judge Wang for a report and recommendation on any motion for judgment on the pleadings. To conserve resources, to promote judicial efficiency, and in an effort to achieve a faster disposition of this matter, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties must discuss whether they are willing to consent, under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), to conducting all further proceedings before Magistrate Judge Wang.

If both parties consent to proceed before the Magistrate Judge, counsel for Defendant must, within two weeks of the date of this Order, either mail or email to Failla_NYSDChambers@nysd.uscourts.gov a fully executed Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge form, a copy of which is attached to this Order (and also available at

http://nysd.uscourts.gov/file/forms/consent-to-proceed-before-us-magistrate-judge). If the Court approves that form, all further proceedings will then be conducted before Magistrate Judge Wang rather than before the undersigned.

If either party does not consent to conducting all further proceedings before Magistrate Judge Wang, the parties must file a joint letter, within two weeks of the date of this Order advising the Court that the parties do not consent, but without disclosing the identity of the party or parties who do not consent. There will be no adverse consequences if the parties do not consent to proceed before the Magistrate Judge.

The Clerk of Court is directed to mail a copy of this Order to Plaintiff's address of record.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 21, 2020

New York, New York

KATHERINE POLK FAILLA United States District Judge

Katherin Palle Faula